



ATV MAINE NEWS

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The Hidden Jewel; Monticello to the South Oakfield Road in Oakfield

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On July 2 of this year, Real Deschaine and I GPS the trail going from Monticello station to the South Oakfield Road in Oakfield. This is a hidden jewel of a trail, which many people have no knowledge.

On my many trips going from down East Maine to northern Maine, I have traveled up the Rail trail from Houlton to Presque Isle. Each time when I have gone through Monticello I have noticed a sign with an arrow directing me towards the Oakfield trails, but not giving it much thought for the first couple of years as I made the ride north to Madawaska.

About two years ago, the signs for Oakfield trails really caught my eye and I began asking questions about what they said. Most of the people I talked to had no idea as to any trail going to Oakfield. Therefore, this took a little bit of research and a map from the Knowles Corner ATV Club to confirm what the sign was saying. There really was a 20-mile trail going from Monticello to Oakfield. Even the northern vice president had no knowledge of this trail. Therefore, this year, the plan was to do a ride from the Airline Snack Bar in Beddington, Maine, to Madawaska. This would be a small group of riders but include Real Deschaine, the VP of ATV Maine, and northern region VP

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WORLD'S FOREMOST OUTFITTER



Sponsored by Can-Am

Bombardier Pot-of-Gold

- Bombardier (BRP) will donate \$50 to a club at every scheduled meeting.
- The club will be chosen through a drawing during the scheduled meeting
- All clubs in good standing are eligible for the drawing.
- A Director, Alternate Director, or primary member from a club in good standing must be present in order for the club to win the monies in the pot. The membership will be verified by the business manager prior to issuing the winnings.
- If no member of the club is present, then the \$50 will be rolled over to the next scheduled meeting and another \$50 will be added to the amount.
- The pot will continue to grow until a winner is drawn and then the pot will start over again at \$50 –
Maximum payout is \$300.00
- The club's name that is drawn will be posted on the website.

All payments will be made by check and sent to the winning club officials.

Dan Vieten

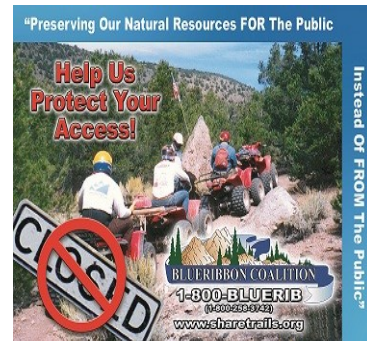
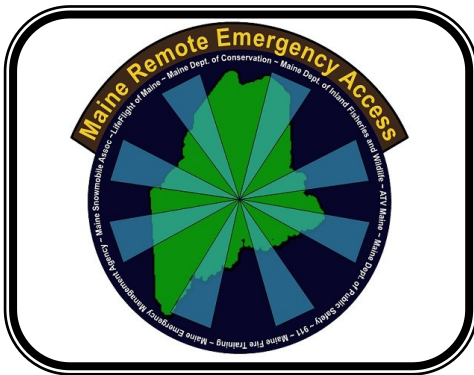
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Pot-Of-Gold Results

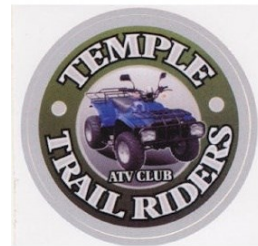
| Date | Hosting Club | Club Name Drawn | Present | Amount |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| 2-22-14 | Cambridge Cruisers | Turner Timberland ATV Club | Yes | \$200.00 |
| 4-19-14 | Jeff's Catering | Borderline ATV Club | No | \$50.00 |
| 6/21/14 | Northern Timber Cruisers | Breakneck Mtn. ATV Club | Yes | \$100.00 |
| 8/20/14 | Temple Trail Riders | Van Buren ATV Club | No. | \$50.00 |
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Hosting an ATV Maine meeting

- ⇒ ATV Maine pays the hosting ATV club \$200
- ⇒ Clubs usually try to get a local town building at no cost to hold the meeting.
- ⇒ Average number of people to expect is 55
- ⇒ Morning snacks and/or drinks are optional. Club provides lunch—typically the food is prepared by the members of the hosting club.
- ⇒ The hosting club provides door prizes, a 50-50, and sells club items if desired.
- ⇒ Provide ATV Maine with directions to the meeting location and accommodations in the area at least one month prior to the meeting.

Thank You Temple Trail Riders



for hosting the August
2014 ATV Maine meeting

50-50 Winner – Faith Snowdon



Western Power Sports – Supplier of
Chase Toys, Unity, ME, and Sponsoring
the High Mileage Club



ATV Maine, in order to promote safety while riding, will be awarding a helmet
or
gift certificate at the bi-monthly meetings to be
redeemed for one helmet.



The award allows the recipient to purchase a helmet, encouraging
all who ride that this is a very
important piece of the equation while participating in ATV'ing.



Helmet Winners

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Club</i> | <i>Gift Certificate or Helmet</i> |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2-22-14 | Eddie Farrar | | Woody's Performance |
| 4-19-14 | Pauline Hughes | Central Maine Trail Blazers | Pushard's Powersports |
| 6-21-14 | Cindy Laroux | Northern Timber Cruisers | Sled Shop , Presque Isle |
| 8-16-14 | Michele Clark | Temple Trail Riders | Reggie's Kawasaki/SkiDoo |
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(Must be present to win)

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Next ATV Maine Meeting

October 18, 2014

Southern Region - Hosted by Southern Maine ATV
Club (location TBD).

This is ATV Maine's nomination month for Officers
and Officials -- Please plan to attend to nominate
the individual you would like to see in office.

Al Langley Memorial Scholarship

ATV Maine honors a deserving student each year by awarding a \$1,000.00 scholarship in the memory of Al Langley. Al was one of the founding members of the Central Maine ATV Club in Fairfield, formed in 1999. Al was very active in the early years of ATV Maine, devoting himself to anything that needed to be done. Al was the Central Regional Vice President for ATV Maine and he is remembered to have had a positive attitude and a wonderful smile by all who knew him. Al passed away on March 17, 2008.

The Trustees of the scholarship committee are

Liane James - Chair ** Hazel Langley ** Francis Smith

The basic outline of the Al Langley Memorial Scholarship is as follows:

- The student and family must be a member of an ATV Maine affiliated club for at least two years.
- Letters of recommendation and support from the principal, teachers, and friends are required with the application.
- A list of present and past employment should accompany the application.
- A transcript of grades and the attendance record is required as well.
- A list of organizations and outside interests the student has been involved in is recommended.
- A typed or printed essay of 300 words covering the sport of ATV's and how it relates to one of the following topics is required:

Recreation

Conservation

ATV Safety

Economic Impact to State and local areas

The applicants will be scored on the preceding topics and the winning recipient will be notified. The \$1,000.00 bank check will be sent directly to the school after completion of the first semester and attaining a C grade or higher.

** Application Deadline — April 30th, 2015**

Past winners of the scholarship are:

2010/2011 First scholarship for \$500.00 - 3 applicants ... Cheyenne Hertlien from Cornville awarded for Physical Therapy at Husson College in Bangor.

2011/2012 Second scholarship for \$500.00 - 1 applicant ... Cheyenne Hertlein.

2012/2013 Third scholarship for \$1,000.00 - 5 applicants ... Erin Abbott from Starks awarded for Accounting at Thomas College in Waterville.

2013/2014 Fourth scholarship for \$1000 each- 2 scholarships will be awarded in January 2014 to Darin Jandreau from Madawaska and Brett Whittemore of Dixfield once their first semester grade transcripts are received.

As a friend and co-founder/officer of the Central Maine ATV Club with Al Langley, it is an honor to be Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Please consider taking advantage of this excellent opportunity within our ATV family if you have a student going on to college.

Applications are available from ATV Maine at www.atvmaine.org or by writing to Liane James, 164 Six Rod Road, Fairfield, Maine 04937; or email lianejames@roadrunner.com. Remember, students may apply each year they are in college as long as ATV Maine membership criteria is met.

ATV Maine Club Liability Insurance

Jeff Mitchell *or* Deborah French

jeffmitchell@unitedinsurance.net *or* deborahfrench@unitedinsurance.net

United Insurance

Tilton Agency

2351 North Belfast Avenue ** Augusta, ME 04330

(207) 620-3604

Event insurance forms are to be mailed to:

ATV Maine

PO Box 14

Jefferson, ME 04348



WESTERN MAINE AGENCY

**ATV Maine Liability Insurance**

The 2014 - 2015 liability policy renewal has been paid. Event forms after August 31st were submitted when I visited United Insurance. Certificates of Insurance for the new policy year have been mailed to 32 clubs.

As a follow up from the August meeting, I provided United Insurance with a list of Questions and Answers I had compiled a couple of years ago and asked that these be reviewed to be able to provide some helpful information to our members. I've e-mailed these Q&A's to the clubs, and if you didn't receive this list, let me know and I'll forward a copy to you.

Respectfully,

Tami M. Kane

ATV Maine President



FISH HOUSE RAFFLE

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I'll be taking a fish house like this one shown State Wide and leaving it for a time so that the clubs can help me sell raffle tickets and raise awareness of what the Pine Tree Camp has to offer. It will be drawn at the ride in Newport in the winter of 2015

Francis Smith





Bill Lombard Memorial Trail

The dedication for the Bill Lombard Memorial Trail is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, (which is Columbus Day Weekend) and is hosted by the Moose Alley Riders ATV Club. Any and all of Bill's friends, whether ATVers, Snowmobilers or otherwise are welcome.

We are trying hard to accommodate anyone that may be interested in participating:

- For those that consider themselves experienced, able, ATVers there will be a ride leaving the Moose Alley Riders ATV Club Park & Ride at 9 AM. *(The location of the Park & Ride is behind the Bingham Motor Inn on US Route 201 South of Bingham's downtown. As you approach Bingham Motor Inn (on the right if you are traveling North on 201) You will see a green and white sign pointing to to the Park & Ride. Drive down the driveway between the Victorian house/ office and the carriage house (another sign on the carriage house) and park in the field.)* This option affords a nice ATV ride over mixed terrain *(some quite challenging terrain)* with beautiful views along the Kennebec River. The length of the ride will be about 60 miles round trip. After the dedication, we may continue on the trail for another short ride of an additional 7 or 8 miles so people can familiarize themselves with our trail into Lexington TWP, and to the area that we hope will be our eventual connection to Kingfield and points West. There are clean portapottie facilities at the Bingham Park & Ride, there are also indoor facilities available at our lunch spot (see below) but none at the actual dedication site.
- For those that may want to ATV to the dedication, but skip the challenging terrain, we will have an alternate starting point at Pine Grove Lodge in Pleasant Ridge, which will mean all good, smooth gravel roads (and a couple miles of asphalt on an approved access route). Be at the Pine Grove Lodge on Ridge Rd in Pleasant Ridge, ready to ride by 10 AM. Directions to Pine Grove Lodge are below.
- For those that prefer to come by car or truck, you will be able to follow the ATVers that are taking the shorter route to the dedication. Parking at the dedication itself will be limited, so we would encourage everyone traveling in this method to carpool with a buddy- at least from the Pleasant Ridge starting point. Be ready to roll from Pine Grove Lodge at 10 AM

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One of Moose Alley Riders' business sponsors will have a lunch cart at the Pleasant Ridge location with hamburgers and hotdogs available (for purchase), or you may bring your own brown-bag lunch. We will leave the dedication, go to the lunch spot, and interested parties can then continue on with the short afternoon ride. **IMPORTANT: Since it is at the very end of their selling season and will be parking the cart for the season after this event, they are going to have as little food on hand as possible. If you want to be assured of being fed, it is very important to RSVP with the number of people in your party that plan on buying lunch! Please RSVP (email preferred) to trailmaster@moosealleyriders.org or call (207) 431-4141.**

Moose Alley Riders ATV Club hopes to have an excellent representation of ATV Maine officers, officials, and general membership -past and present - at the event.

If there is interest, if people want to make a weekend of it, the club will put together and host another ride on Sunday. Details TBA.

Directions to Pine Grove Lodge:

From points South: I-295 to exit 133 (US Rte 201, Fairfield). Take Route 201 North through Skowhegan, Madison, Solon and into Bingham. In Bingham, turn LEFT onto Bridge St/ Route 16 WEST. After you cross the bridge over the Kennebec River, turn RIGHT (off 16) onto Ridge Rd. Pine Grove Lodge is about 3.7 miles on the RIGHT. The last few miles of this road are VERY curvy, use caution!

From points North and Downeast: I-295 to exit 157 (Newport/ Skowhegan/ Sugarloaf Area). RIGHT off offramp, then LEFT onto US Route 2 WEST, after McDonald's and the Irving Big Stop. Through Palmyra, Pittsfield, Canaan and into Skowhegan. In Skowhegan, turn RIGHT onto US Route 201 North. Take Route 201 North through Skowhegan, Madison, Solon and into Bingham. In Bingham, turn LEFT onto Bridge St/ Route 16 WEST. After you cross the bridge over the Kennebec River, turn RIGHT (off 16) onto Ridge Rd. Pine Grove Lodge is about 3.7 miles on the RIGHT. The last few miles of this road are VERY curvy, use caution!

From points West: Take US Route 2 EAST to Norridgewock. In Norridgewock, turn LEFT onto US Route 201 ALT North and follow through Madison, Anson, North Anson and into Solon. At the blinking light in Solon turn LEFT onto US Route 201 North to Bingham. In Bingham, turn LEFT onto Bridge St/ Route 16 WEST. After you cross the bridge over the Kennebec River, turn RIGHT (off 16) onto Ridge Rd. Pine Grove Lodge is about 3.7 miles on the RIGHT. The last few miles of this road are VERY curvy, use caution!

Area lodging:

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| Pine Grove Lodge, | Pleasant Ridge, 207.672.4011 |
| Bingham Motor Inn, | Bingham, 207.672.4135 |
| North Country Rivers, | Bingham, 800.348.8871 |
| Evergreens Campground, | Solon, 207.643.2324 |
| Gateway Rec. & Lodging, | Bingham 207.672.9395 |
| Breezy Acres Camps, | Solon, 207.643.2920 |
| Sunrise Ridge Sporting Camps, | Bingham, 207.672.5551 |

Respectfully submitted - on behalf of the Moose Alley Riders ATV Club Board of Directors,

Jeff Ireland, Trail Master/ Director



<http://www.acadiaareaatvers.com/>

News from your friends at

Acadia Area ATV'ers

September 2014

Oh what great fun we have had out riding this year. It has been a wonderful year to explore new trails, see friends out riding, and stopping at an intersection and meeting other ATV enthusiasts and seeing what their club is doing or have planned for upcoming weekends. The trails are in great shape for Acadia Area ATV'ers and for the most part the trail work is up-to-date. The Stonington/Deer-Isle Bridge as it is fondly referred to (pictured below), has new approaches which makes it more approachable? LOL. Or, at least some are a little less apprehensive about going across now. It think it is on Trail #503 in case you haven't had a chance to go through that way. Great trail to take from Washington Junction and head toward Route 9 by the Ranger Station or beyond, or even change directions.



Our meetings are finding more people attending all the time. Every other month we have pot luck dinner before the meeting. You know what they say, "offer food and they will come." In September we will meet on the 17th beginning at 7:00 PM. Our next pot luck will be our October 15th meeting which starts 6:00 PM and both are at the Trenton Fire Department on Oak Point Road.

We have a little fund raising activity going on in the club these days – costs you only \$2.00 to enter. All that is required is that you ride the Acadia Area ATV'ers trails and find one of our trail signs that don't match the others of similar type, etc. Interested? Contact our Trail Master, Russell Smith, at 460-2909. He will share the "how to's" of the fundraising activity.

We had our overnight excursion last month and oh my goodness what a time we had. There were eight machines, two with trailers in tow, one motor coach that took our baggage, and twelve hearty soles who shared the journey from Washington Junction to the Airline Lodge & Snackbar for snacks and gas, and then on to Deer Lake. Tents went up in no time – one quicker than all the rest. I swear it took then less than 30 seconds and it was up and the door open. Hmmm! Where can we get one of those tents? Well, there was one incident where a mattress wasn't holding air. Our crew included: Doug, Eenie, D&E's grandson, Jack, Joan, Julie, Lloyd, Marcia, Melanie, Pam, Russell, and Vaughn.

Our next scheduled rides will be September 21st – Newport to Guilford, October 19th – Airline Lodge & Snackbar to Grand lake Stream, and hopefully November 16th from Molasses Pond to Harrington and Scovils.

Seriously though, join us on one of our rides for a good time, or see what we have been up to, by visiting our web site at <http://www.acadiaareaatvers.com/>.

M & M for Acadia Area ATV'ers

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This trip was accomplished over two days taking three of us from Beddington, to Houlton, then on to Madawaska. When we left Houlton on June 30th, I stopped in Monticello to point out the signs to Real. From there a plan began to develop for him and me to come down and ride along with GPSing the trail.

On July 2nd, Real picked me up in Caribou, where I was visiting my high school buddy and his wife. We trailer down to the Blue Moose Café in Monticello, where we offloaded our machines and started our ride.

The trail down to the S. Oakfield Rd. was a pleasure to ride. It was like a hidden jewel we knew nothing about, since neither Real nor I had ever ridden this trail.

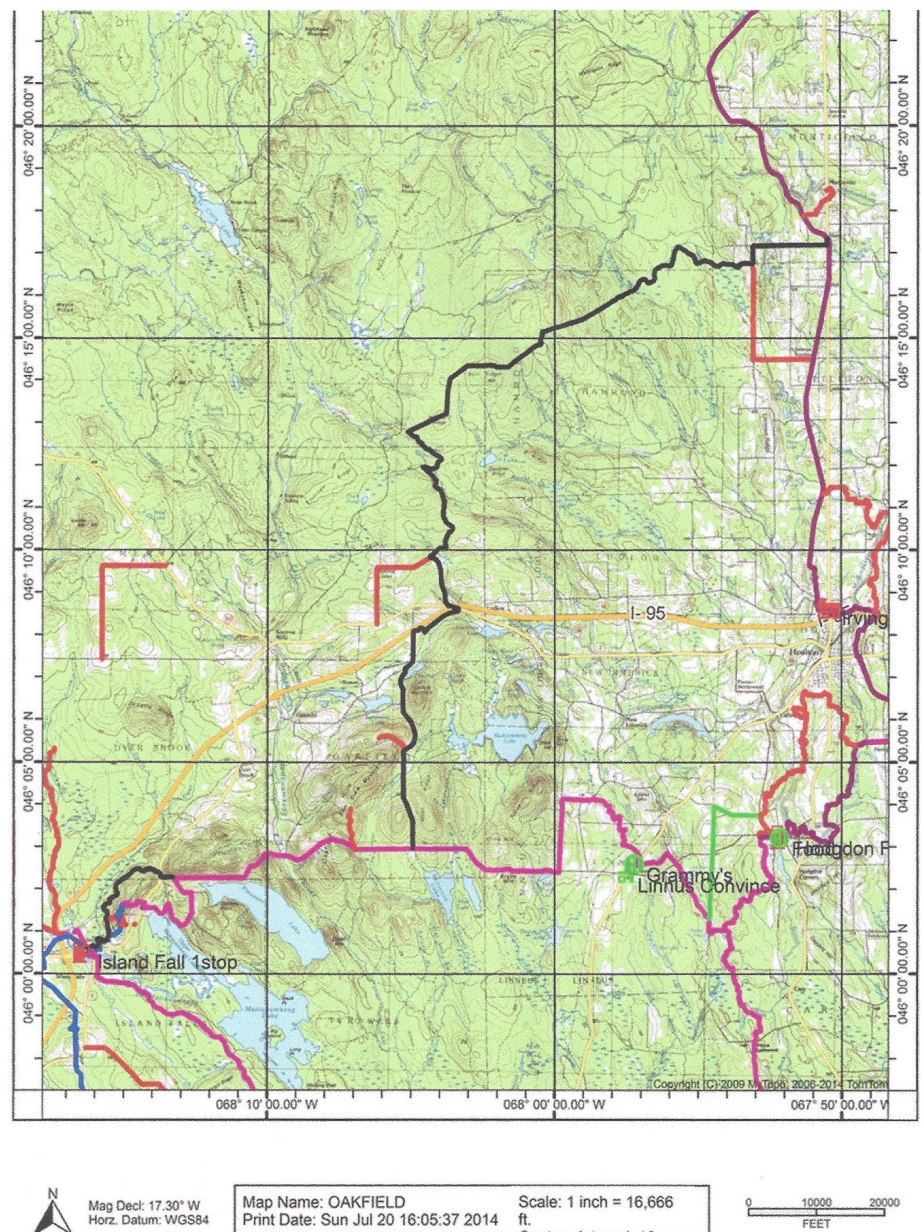
Overall, they were very few obstacles with this trail. There were a couple culverts with problems, but that seem normal. There were a couple of mud and water areas on the trail that Knowles Corner was working on that paralleled the railroad tracks. Nevertheless, this section of the trail was still very passable.

One of the big things I have discovered from this ride was that the Monticello The trail comes out on the S. Oakfield Rd. in Oakfield, half way between Island Falls and Linneus, which means you could go East or West at this point to get food and fuel.

Upon reaching the S. Oakfield Road, I completed the GPSing of this hidden jewel. Real and I had already said all farewells as he returned to Monticello to his truck and trailer, and then returned to Madawaska. I headed to island falls to refuel and have something to eat before continuing the trip back South to my camp at Deer Lake in northeastern Hancock County.

Overall, for this day, I had left Monticello at approximately 10 o'clock. I arrived at my camp at Deer Lake at 7:10 PM much to my surprise. I had cut out a lot of very rough trail that is South of Houlton and made very good time.

I highly recommend this trail if you are traveling north and south, from down East into Aroostook County. It is a hidden jewel, which many people do not know, is there. The map on the right shows a trail -ing black and this is the Knowles Corner ATV Club's hidden jewel.



Message Board



Next ATV MAINE NEWSLETTER

Deadline for Articles

November 1, 2014

Out to the clubs by

November 15th



The Topsham Trailriders ATV/ Snowmobile Club would like to report that All ATV trails in Topsham are once again open for use.

As some of you may know three weeks ago we weren't sure how long our west side trail would be closed after 6" of rain fell during one evening storm that damaged it severely. After some guidance from our Trailmaster Charlie Parkinson, VP Rocky League and Ron Dumont we were able to get the right equipment and people to repair the system. Thanks go out to all that helped get this done!

Please Tread Lightly! The Repaired trails are still soft in several spots.

President
Dan Parlin



The road from the Rail bed in Blanchard up towards Shirley is now an ATV Access Route. The trail that goes up over Crybaby Hill is still open for anyone who wants to go that way. I put up the Access Route Signs and some direction signs so we should be good to go.

Thanks to Ken Snowdon for making this possible. I would also like to thank everyone who helped Ken with contacting landowners in order to get this done.

Please use caution when using this road. I'm sure most traffic will be ATVs but there might be a car or truck every now and then.

Thanks Again
Richard, Abbot Explorers' President

News from the Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club



The Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club is based in the Avon, Phillips, and Madrid area, with over 50 miles of trails in our system. Over the summer our members have been working hard to upgrade many of our trails throughout our trail system. There has been a lot of work done in the Bear Hill area, and the Paul Lilley Bridge has been repaired. We have a new location for our ATV Park and Ride complete with a new ramp to load and unload machines on. The Park and Ride was previously located by the Indulge Salon but is now located at the Northwoods Truck Pull area on Rt. 4. (Behind Gilchrist's pumps to the left.) The Club has recently purchased 2 new rock rakes to help keep our trails in top condition.

The Narrow Gauge Riders now has a booth to promote our club and our Operation Bright X-mas Campaign 2014. The booth's first engagement at the Phillips Old Home Days celebration was very successful. We raised money for Operation Bright X-mas through a 50/50 raffle and donations. The raffle was won by Florence Williams. Congratulations Florence!! People also had the opportunity to purchase Narrow Gauge Riders clothing and maps. The booth will make its next appearance at the Phillips Fall Fest, September 5th, 6th, and 7th. Stop by for a visit, we always enjoy meeting fellow riders.

If you want to know the most current news or the condition of our trails, please, check out our website at www.ngriders.com or visit the Narrow Gauge Riders Facebook page. Leave us a comment, we enjoy hearing from you. Happy trails, Ride safe;

Sonja Hardy, Secretary for the Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club

LAST FRONTIER RIDERS**DEDICATES****SONNY'S LOOP ATV TRAIL**

The Last Frontier Riders ATV club of Bowerbank, Maine was established in 2005 by Mark Ladd, Kerry Israels, Jack McLeod and Sonny Connors and grew from its initial four members to 25 members in 2013. From 2005 through 2012 the Club continued to expand its trail system to 40 miles with connections to two other ATV club trail systems and improved trail quality. During this time the Club constructed numerous bridges to prevent environmental damage to the streams and fish. The Club is now working to add miles to its trail system after the 2012 loss of 15 miles of trails, as well as make connections to other trail systems which were lost as a result of the Barnard/Williamsburg land grab and use restrictions.



The Last Frontier Riders, with the cooperation of land owners in Bowerbank, established a 28 mile loop trail and dedicated it to the memory of Dan "Sonny" Connors who passed away in January 2013. Sonny was one of the organizers of the Club, a lifelong member of the Sebec/Bowerbank community and a Bowerbank volunteer firefighter. Sonny never hesitated to get out in the middle of the woods with his tractor to help build trails and bridges. He was cheerful and always had a good (long and funny) story about the early days traveling through the woods.

The dedication of Sonny's Loop Trail took place in September with the construction and erection of a kiosk at the Bowerbank Road trail head entrance to Sonny's Loop. Trail Master Jack Byrne designed and built the kiosk and installed it with the help of Skeet Ricker and Kerry Israels. The kiosk has a map of the trail system and any notices regarding the trail conditions. The bridge over Buttermilk Stream was replaced in August this year by a large work party with wood generously donated by Plum Creek. The trail markers are easy to follow since each has a large "S".

Access to Sonny's Loop in Bowerbank is from Back Neighborhood Road adjacent to the Bowerbank Library or from the Willimantic trail system at Cow Yard Falls. The trail runs north from the Bowerbank Road across Mill Brook and north/west passing south of the Bensons and west to views of Borestone Mountain and Lake Onawa. The trail then turns east from Cow Yard Falls on the Willimantic ATV trail then passing the Buttermilks and returning to the Kiosk on Bowerbank Road.

Come out and enjoy a ride on Sonny's Loop and like all of us, stay on the marked trails and respect all owners' properties.



EVENTS

Lakes Region ATV Club

10/19/2014 9:00 am, Apple Orchard
Ride Bridgton.

[http://www.lakesregionatvclub.com/
Events__Rides.html](http://www.lakesregionatvclub.com/Events__Rides.html)



Portage Lakers ATV Club

09/27/14 Poker Run

Portage Lake Town Hall

<http://www.portagelakersatvclub.com/>

AD&D Benefit

AD&D Beneficiary cards from American Income
Life:

Only one card is being mailed to the primary member
from ATV Maine's database

- ⇒ This card can be photocopied for family members
- ⇒ You can request more cards if an agent visits the home
- ⇒ An online beneficiary card is also available –
www.aillife.com/benefits/sgdo6

American Income Life does not mail to the businesses, so your club's business members will not receive a beneficiary card. If your business member is in good standing with ATV Maine, the payout will be authorized without question.

A payout of the AD&D benefit will go to the "Estate of" if there is no beneficiary on file with American Income Life. In some cases, this payout has been sent directly to a funeral home.

If possible, have a
bullhorn at your events to
announce the
importance of safety
before a ride begins and all events
are chem-free.



If the unfortunate happens and you have an
accidental death of a club member,
please have the club president notify ATV
Maine to ensure all necessary
paperwork is processed for the AD&D
benefit.



*Your ATV Maine membership
includes \$3,500.00 Accidental Death &
Dismemberment Insurance*

Any questions or concerns about letters or
phone calls from AIL agents, feel free to
call Shane Knowles,

207-318-9572